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Shaping the future: The importance of structuring our international collaboration in ocean forecasting



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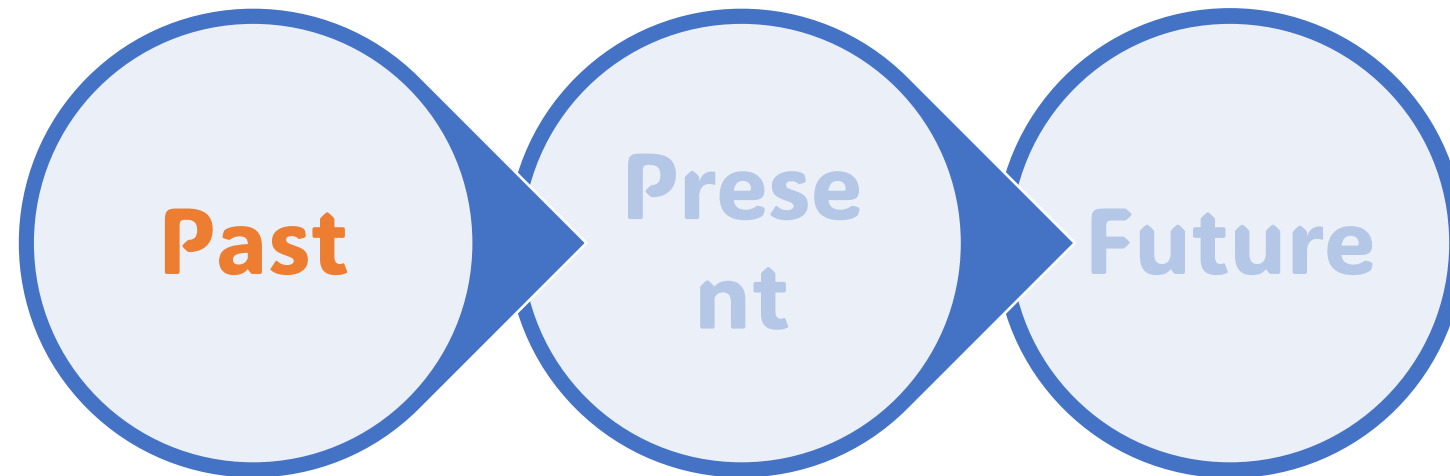


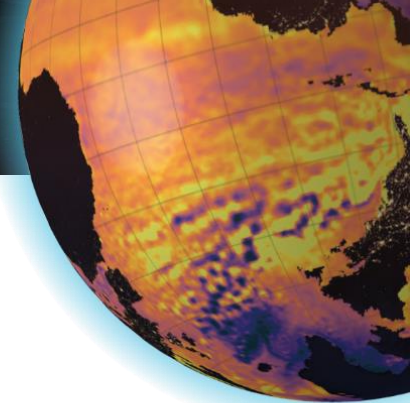
We are a vibrant, innovative and reliable ocean forecasting community, delivering scientific and operational solutions that work.

We're moving fast in the international structuring of our community.

By aligning Science/Services/Governance innovations, we're shaping an authoritative future to our Ocean Prediction community.

1.- What have we done since last time ?



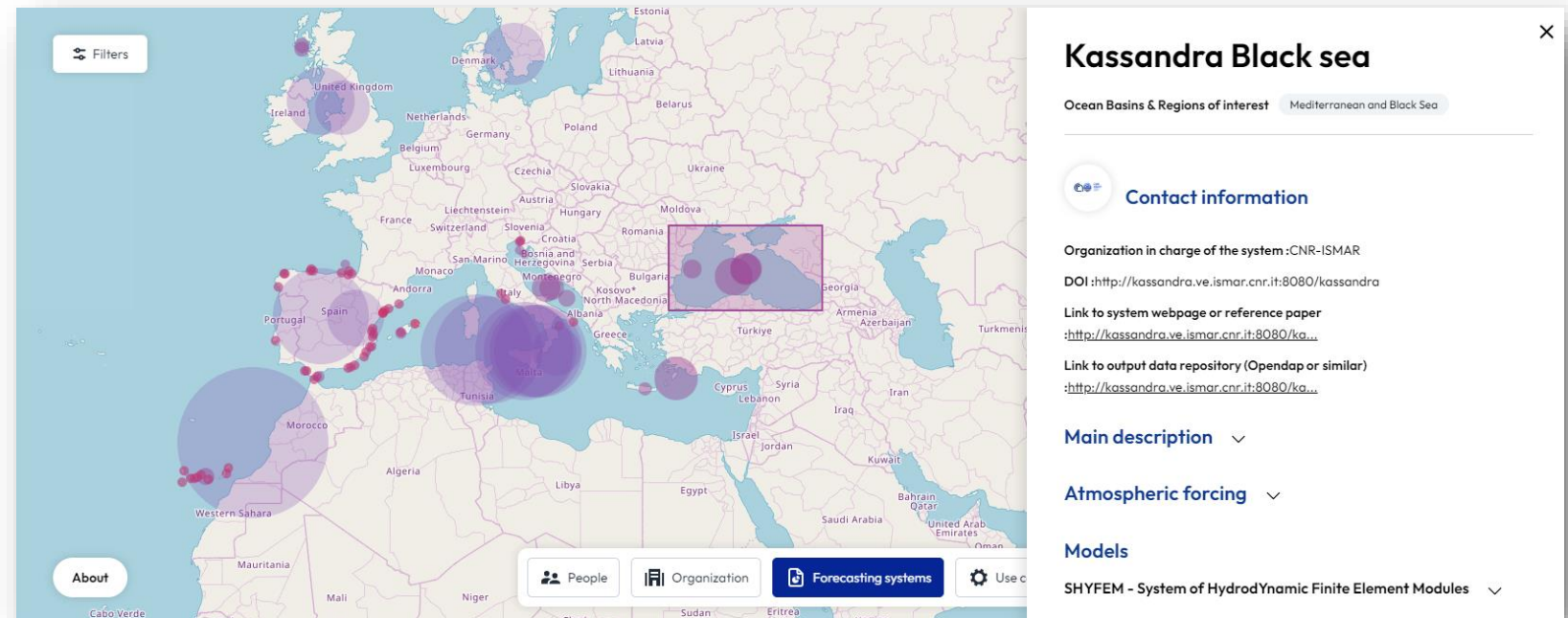


Where are we now?

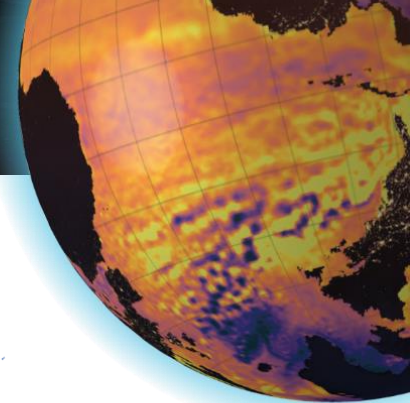
A snapshot of the actual situation:

- A wide variety of ocean prediction centres and services
- Powerful services linked to users
- A constantly growing number of users
- Strong geographical imbalances
- No sufficient integration
- Systems complex to develop and operate

Source: <https://www.unoceanprediction.org/en/atlas/models>



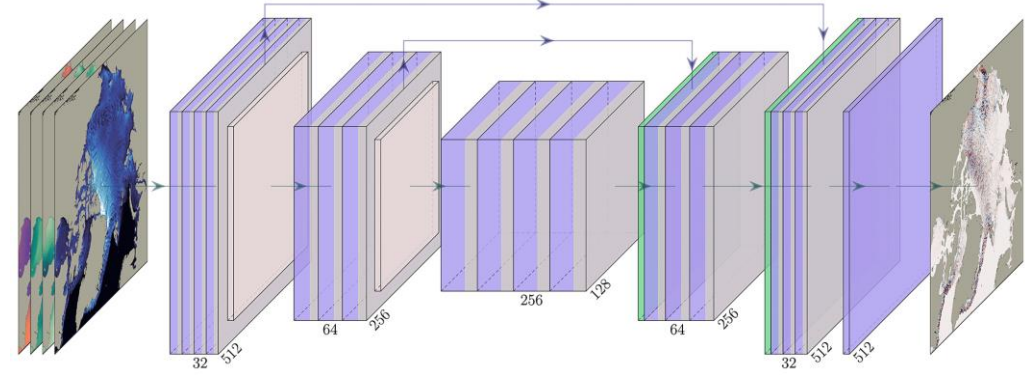
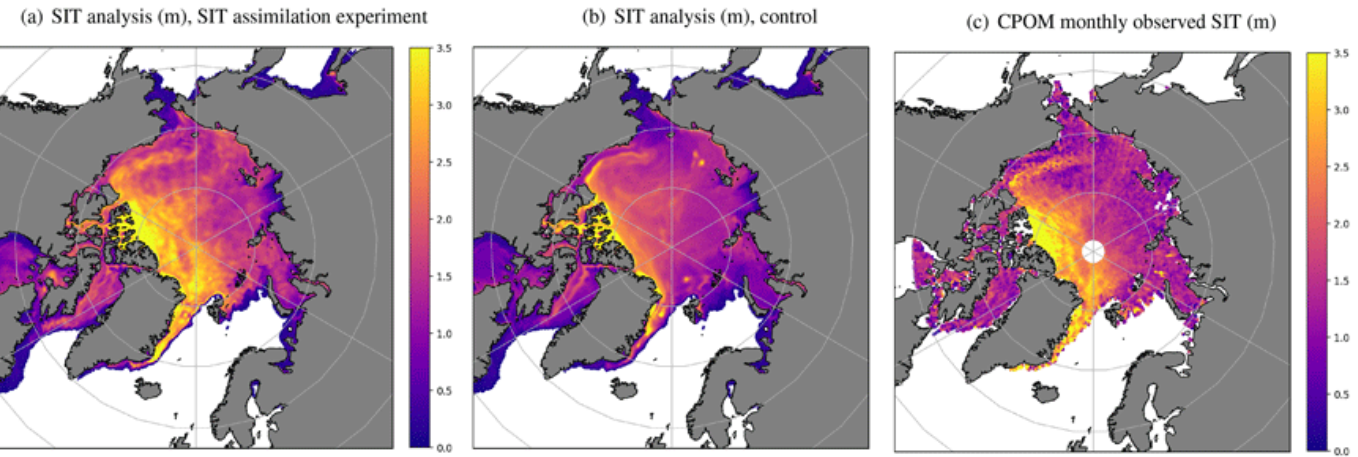
Let's explore some recent developments around the globe!



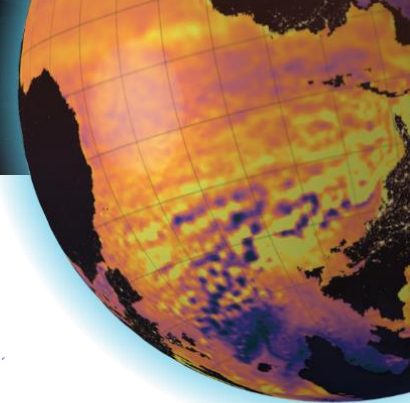
Examples of recent developments: Arctic



- Assimilation of sea ice thickness from altimetry is spreading:
 - Should improve heat, freshwater, light & momentum fluxes between ocean and atmosphere
- Studying potential for surrogate models (AI) for extra-large ensemble simulations or to replace parts of models (dynamics, melt ponds...)



Surrogate sea ice model using convolutional U-Net architecture

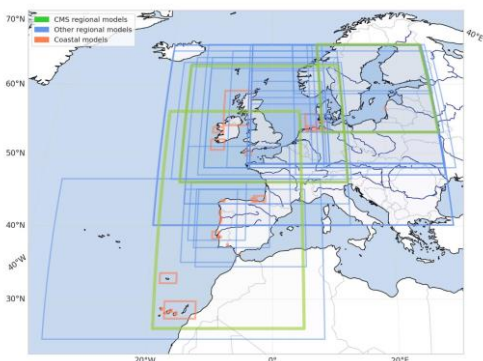


Examples of recent developments: North-East Atlantic



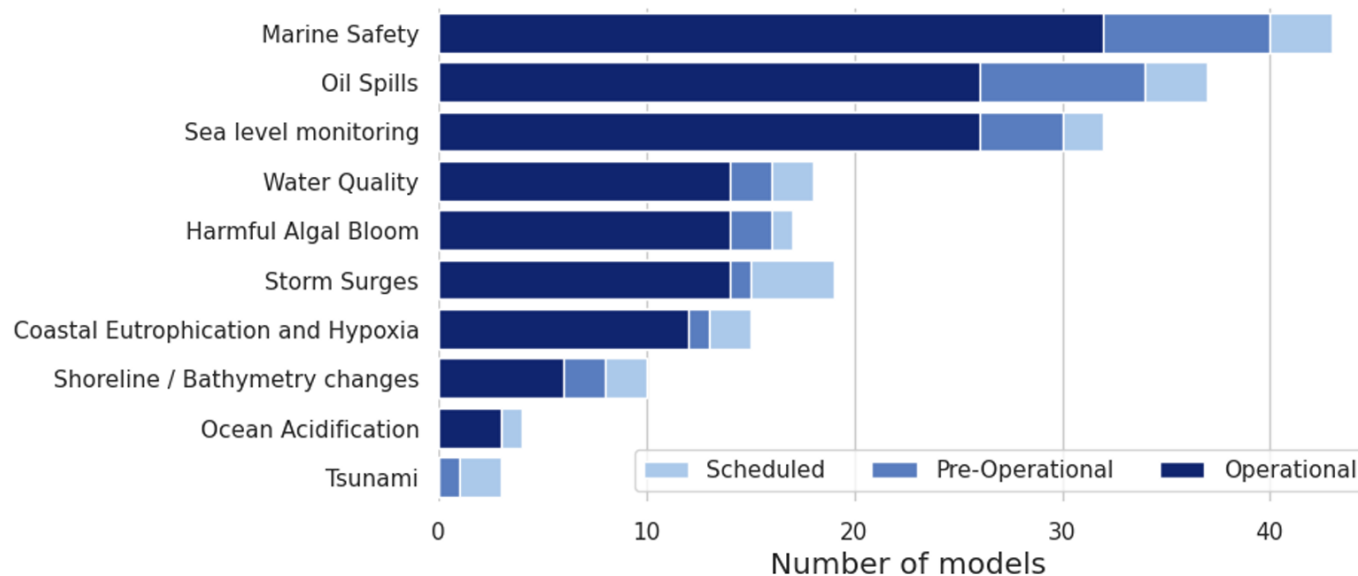
Recent Highlights:

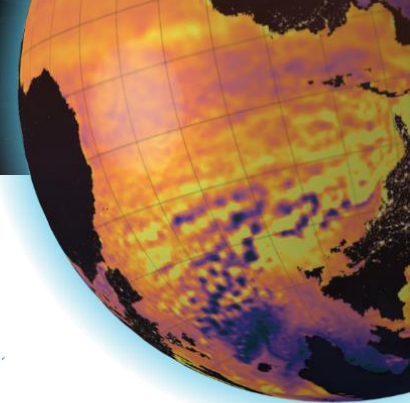
- Integration of ensemble-based systems and data assimilation for marine safety, oil spill, and sea level monitoring
- AI and machine learning advancements



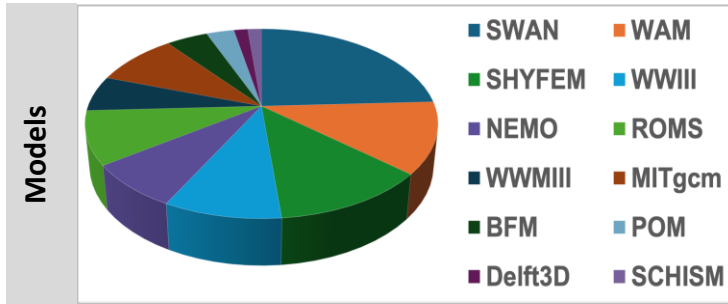
A mature panorama of forecasting systems and applications mostly nested on Copernicus products

Phenomenon of Interest

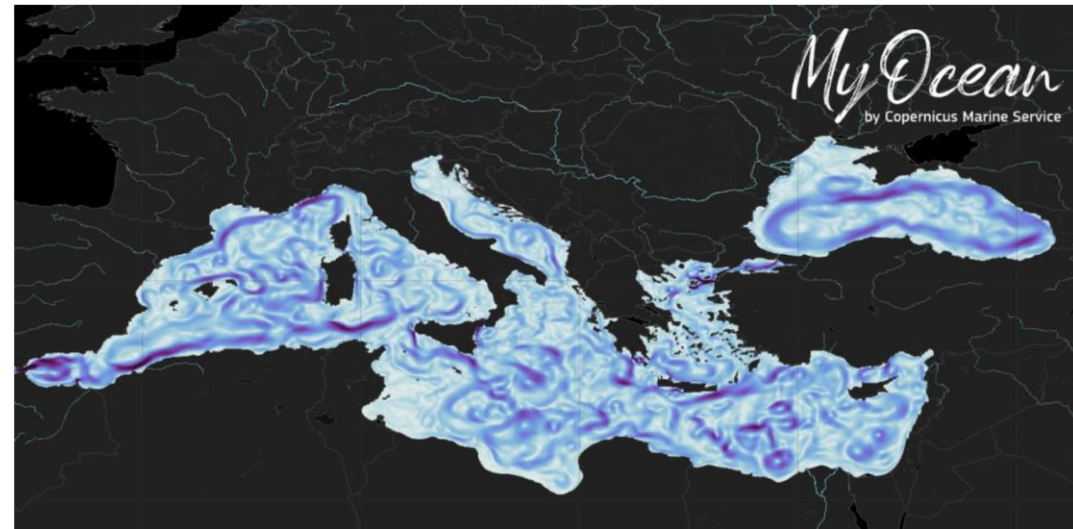




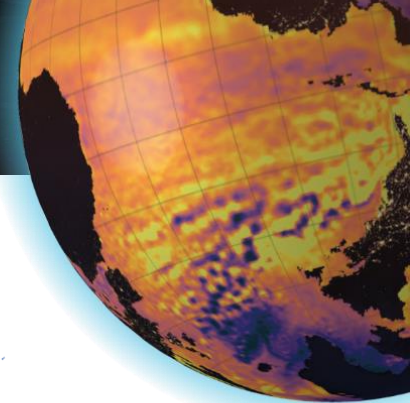
Examples of recent developments: Mediterranean and Black Sea



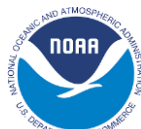
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Copernicus Marine Mediterranean



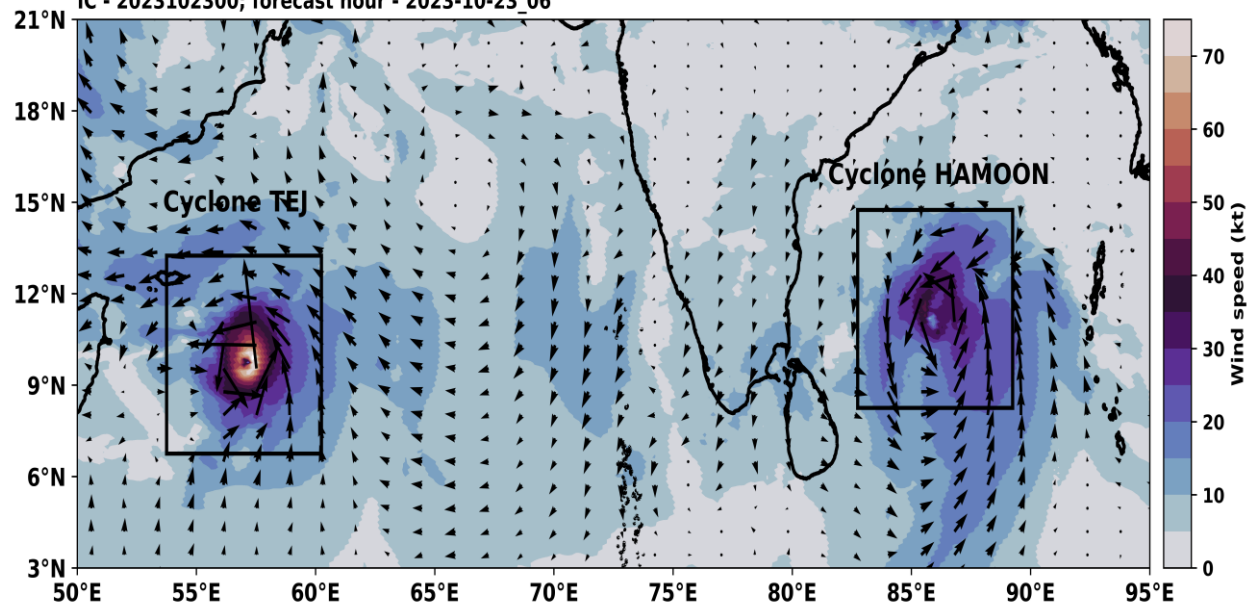
Examples of recent developments: Indian Seas



Next-generation Indian Ocean-land-Atmosphere (IOLA)

- Coupled regional modeling system for severe weather and ocean state
- It Simulates and forecasts severe weather events ranging from convective scale events to Tropical Cyclones.
- It has 1.5 km high resolution relocatable two-way interactive multiple nests over inland, coastal zone, and open ocean.

IOLA forecast for two simultaneous Cyclones
Max. sustained winds (kt) shaded and wind vectors
IC - 2023102300; forecast hour - 2023-10-23_06



Examples of recent developments: South and Central America

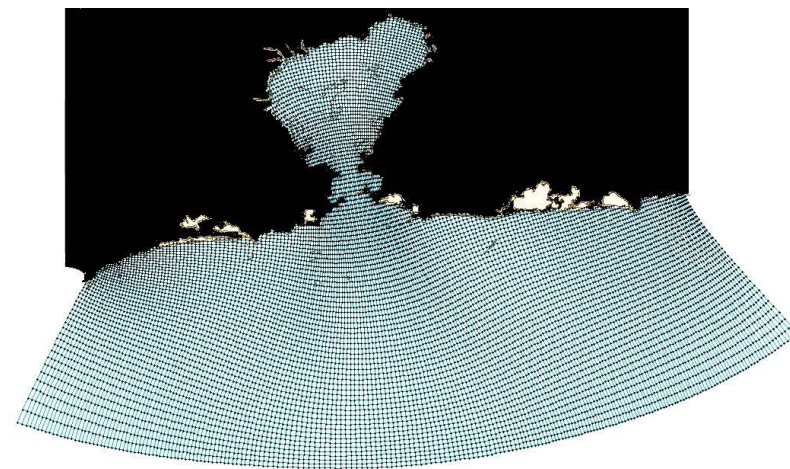
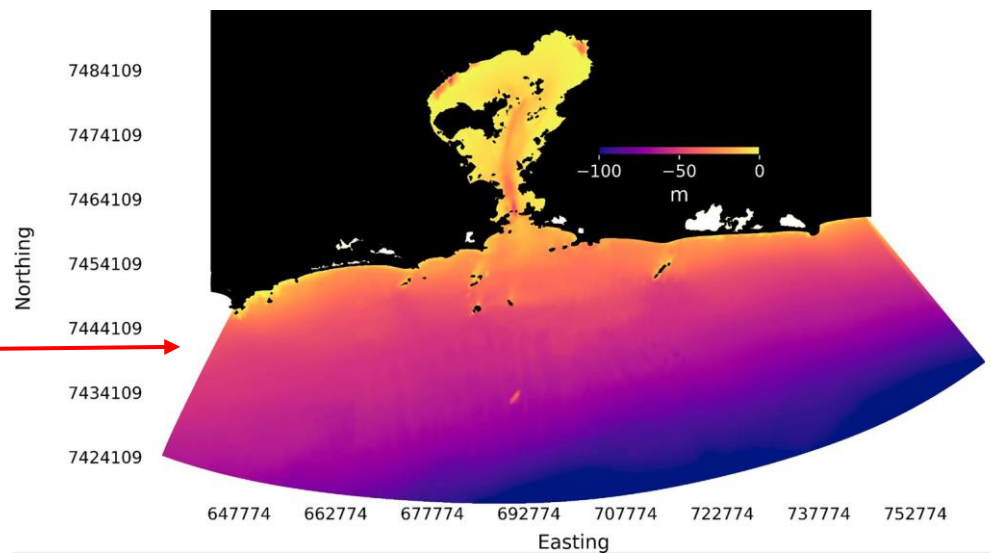
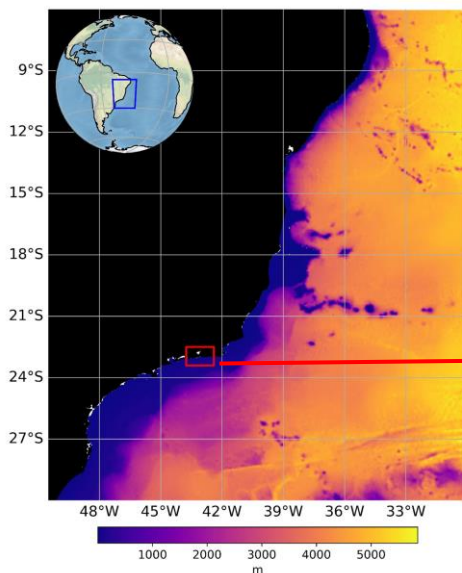


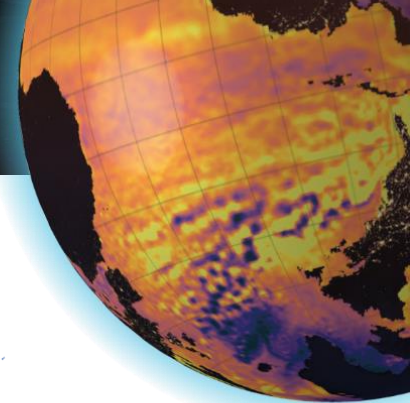
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Forecast System for the Guanabara Bay - Rio de Janeiro - Brazil

2D Delft3D FM hydrodynamic model nested in 1/36° (HYCOM): Soon 3D





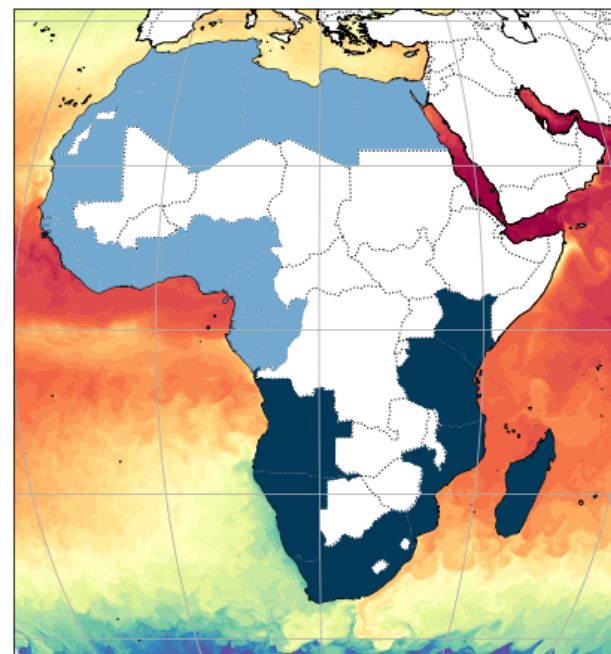
Examples of recent developments: Africa



Setting the scene for African Forecast Systems

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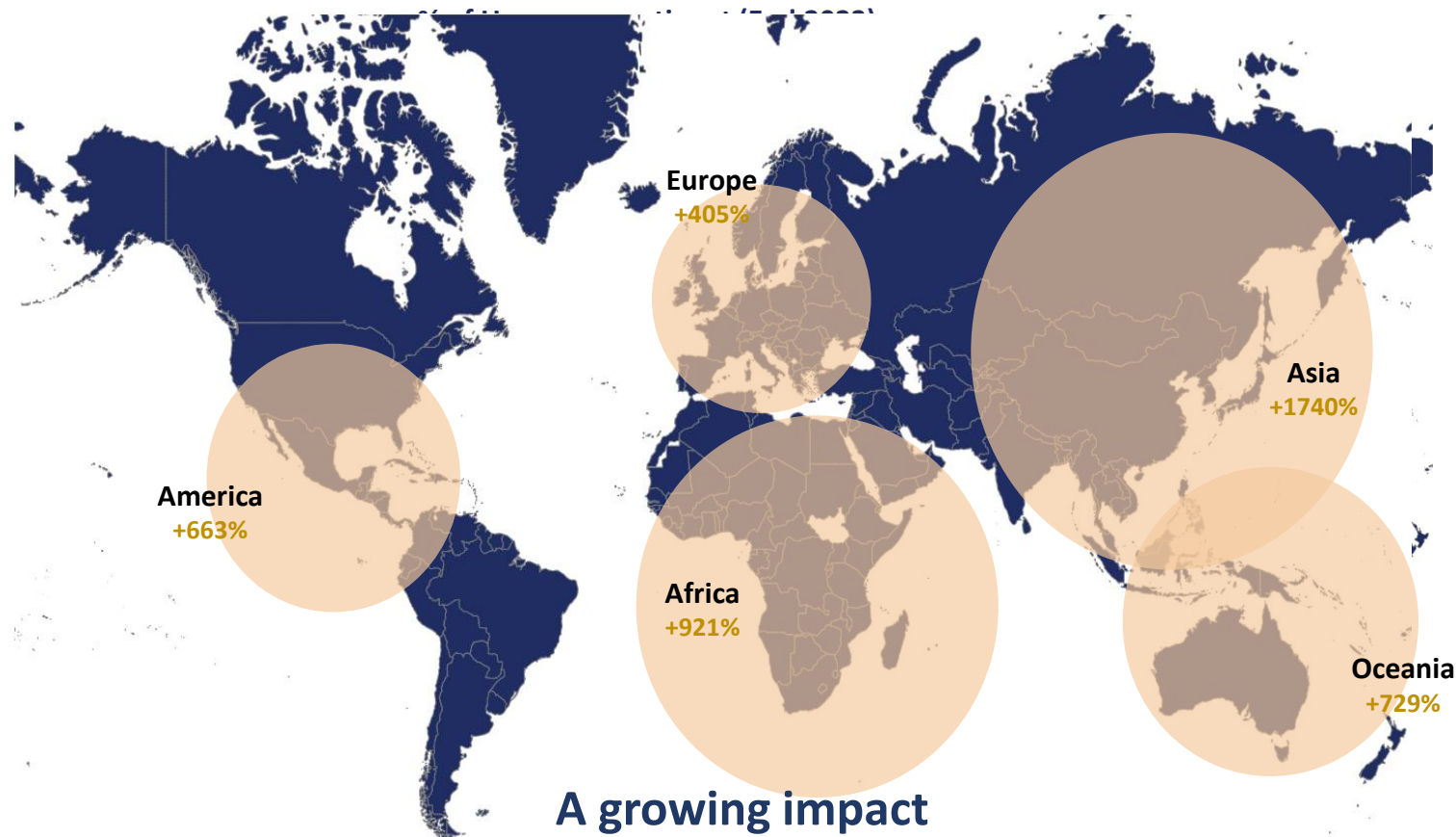
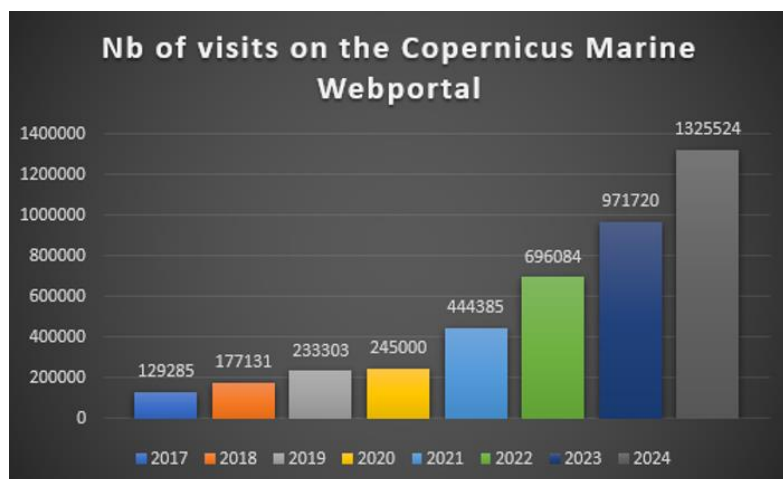
Locally developed, cost-effective, regionally optimized forecast systems and downstream services

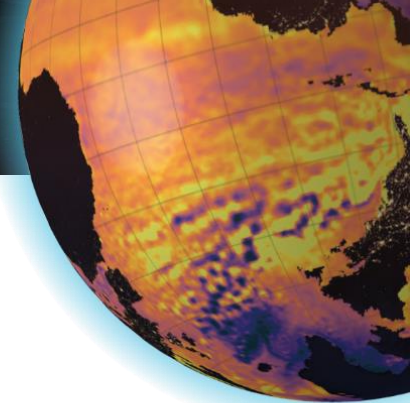


MARINE AND COASTAL OPERATIONS FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA AND THE INDIAN OCEAN

Copernicus Marine users evolution

Evolution of Subscribers by continent (2016 - End 2023)



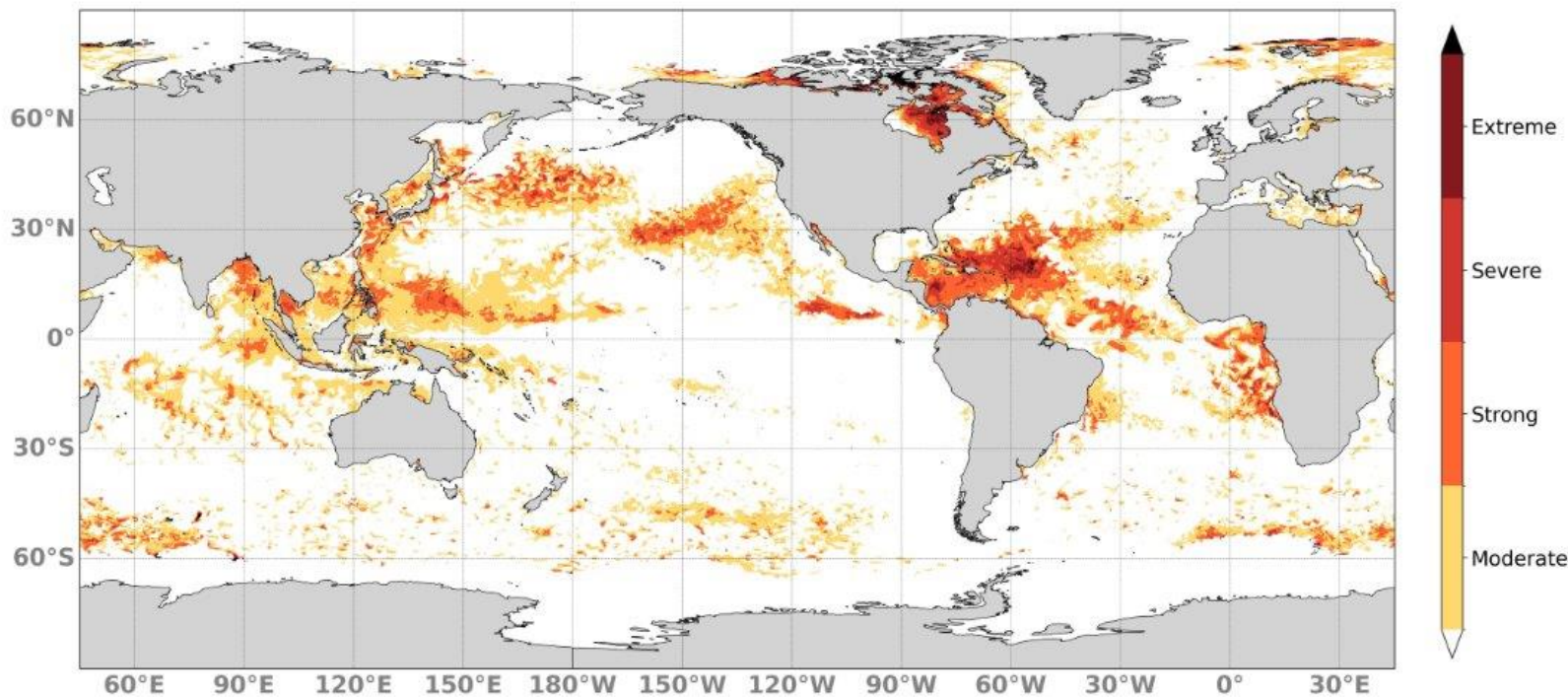


Real time monitoring of SST and Marine Heatwaves



Marine Heatwave Category Map - 2024-10-19

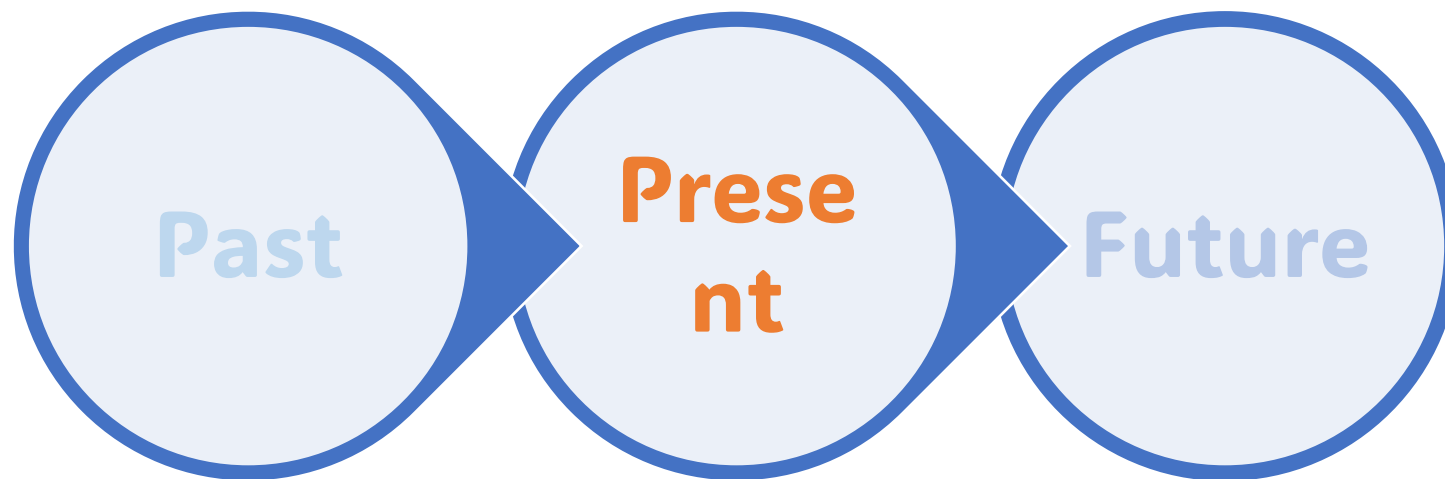
Data: GLO12V4 forecast



Weekly Bulletin and Monthly synthesis



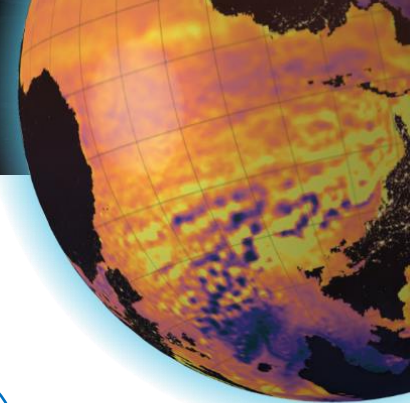
2 – What are we preparing today ?





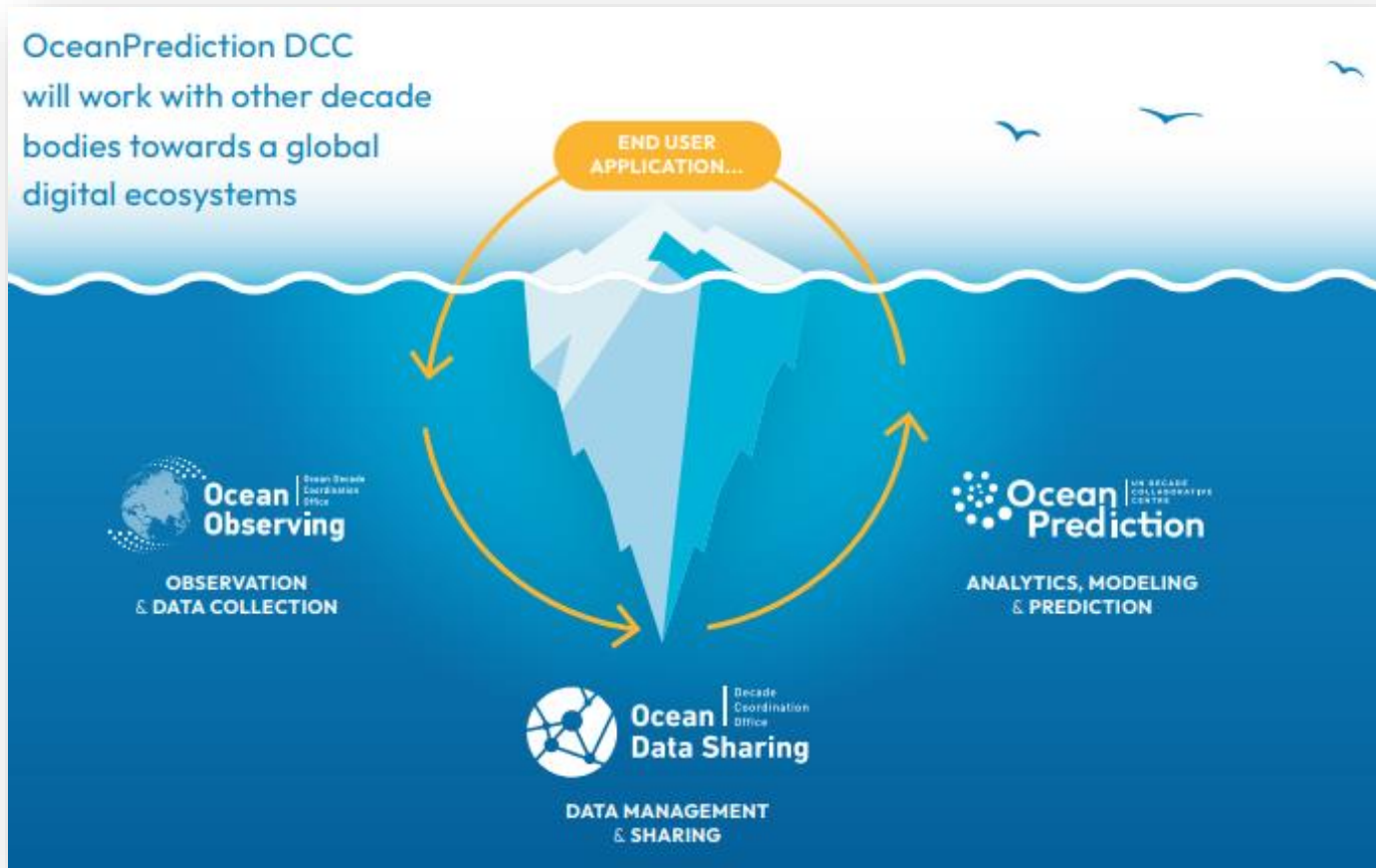
2021 United Nations Decade
2030 of Ocean Science
for Sustainable Development

We're moving fast in the international structuring of our community



The UN Decade says 1 = 3

One Ocean = Obs+Data+Prediction



ForeSea
Ocean Prediction Capacity of the Future

DITTO
Digital Twins of the Ocean

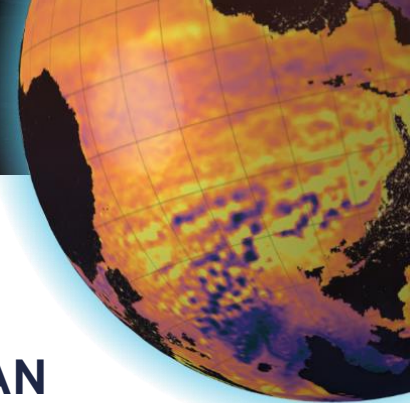
Ocean best practices

CoastPredict
with The Global Ocean Observing System

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One ocean, one digital ecosystem



OceanPrediction Decade Collaborative Centre

2020: THE OCEAN FORECAST WE HAVE



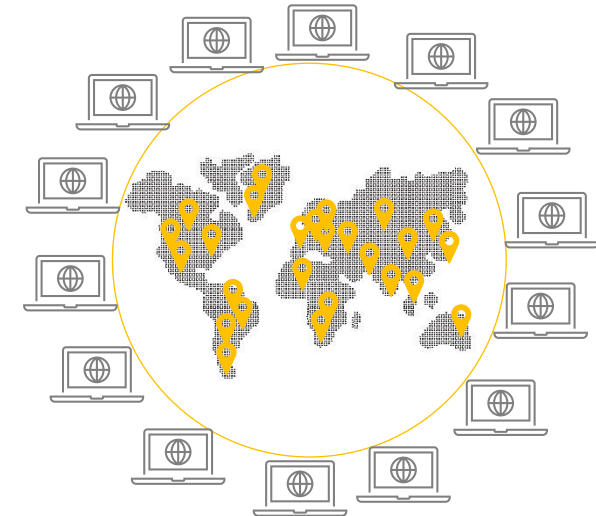
- Useful but partially disconnected services
- Strong geographical imbalances

OceanPrediction DCC VESSEL

Captain: UN Ocean Decade
Chief engineer: Decade actions and DTO
Crew: OceanPrediction DCC community
Navigator: OceanPrediction DCC

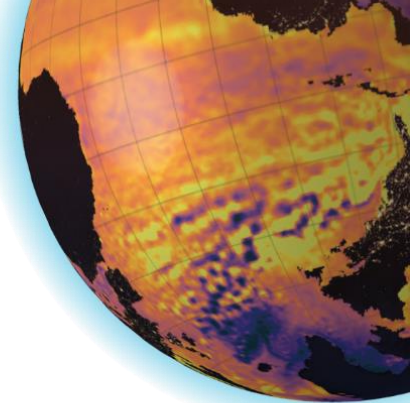


2030: THE OCEAN FORECAST WE WANT

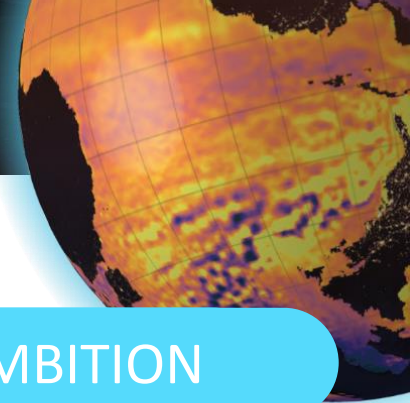


- Connected community and services
- Many robust systems worldwide

OceanPredict's legacy for the UN decade



- Advancing the science, capacity, efficacy, use, and impact of ocean prediction systems.
- Impactful, relevant, integrated and interconnected ocean prediction systems
- Contributing to a seamless end to end ocean information value chain

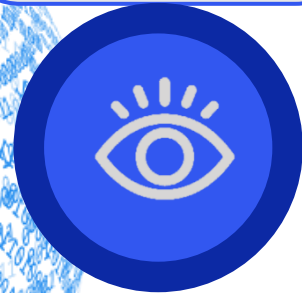


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Digital Twins of the Ocean

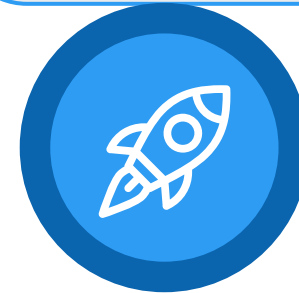
VISION

Digital Twin Ocean
to support
ocean protection
ocean governance
a sustainable Blue
Economy



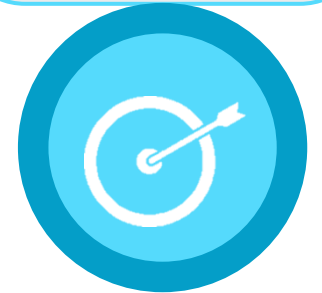
MISSION

Develop and share
a **common**
understanding of
DTO,
Best practice,
Advanced **digital**
framework for DTO



AMBITION

DTO will enable to
address
WHAT IF questions
based on
shared data,
model,
knowledge

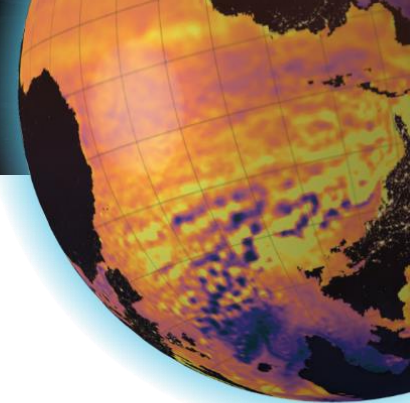


Thematic Working Groups and Use Cases are the two pillars for DITTO's activities

DITTO promotes co-design of twins, education and uptake to demonstrate the value in digital twins

<https://ditto-oceandecade.org>





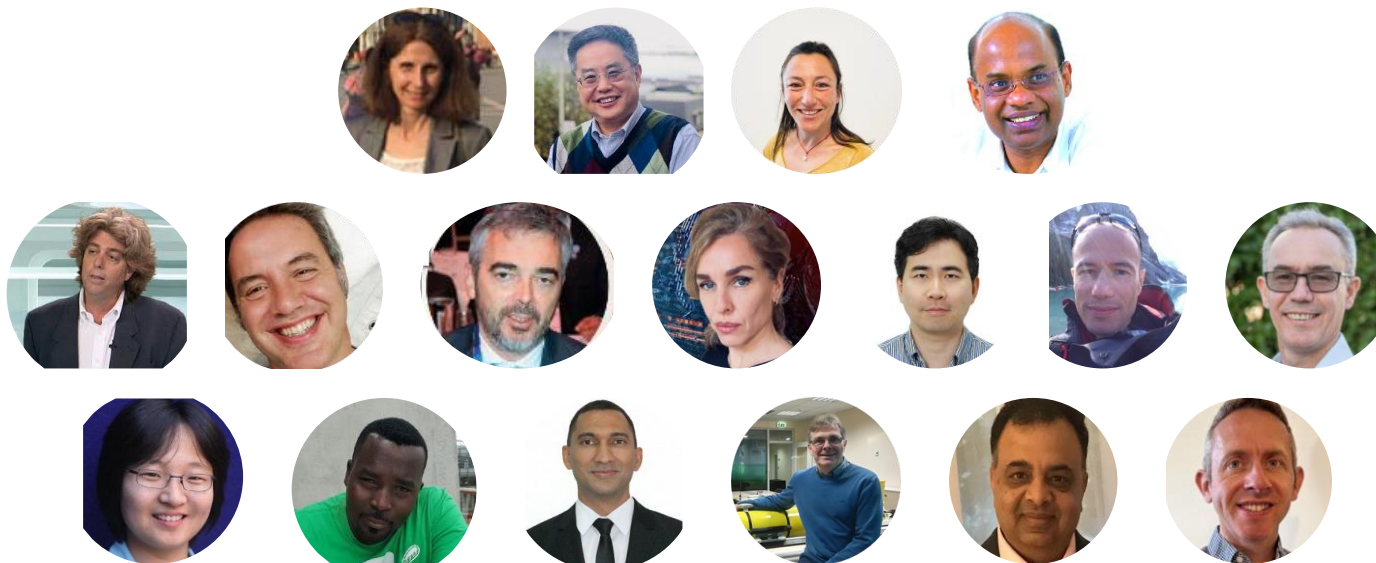
DITTO Digital Twins of the Ocean

GOVERNANCE 2024-2027

Co-chairs: Joanna Staneva, Fei Chai, Marina Tonani, Swadhin Behera

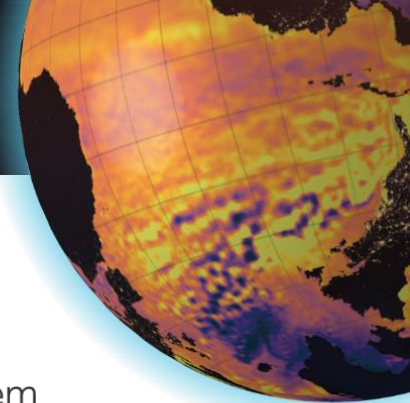
Steering Committee:

17 members from 14 countries



2021-2030 United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development





CoastPredict

with The Global Ocean Observing System

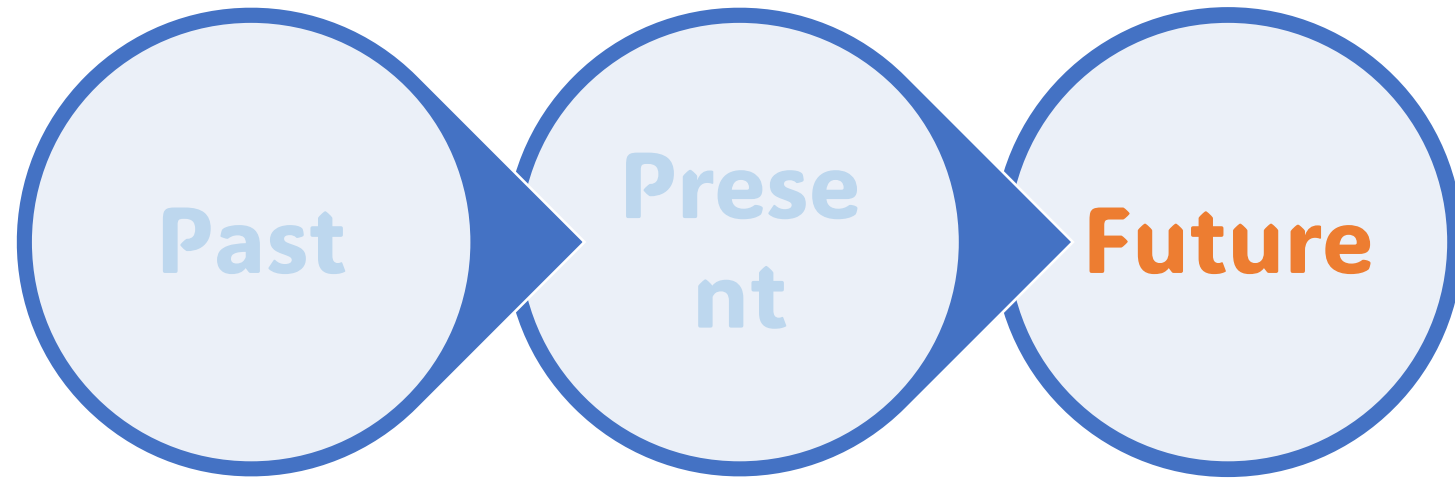
The last mile: CoastPredict

- Co-design and implement an **integrated coastal ocean observing and predicting system** adhering to best practices and standards, **designed as a global framework and implemented locally**

Responsive & fit-for-purpose multi-disciplinary systems into coast to address many challenges: storm surge, climate impacts, coastal erosion, shipping/ports, hypoxia, marine heatwaves, carbon sequestration, etc.



3 – How we are shaping an authoritative Ocean Prediction by innovating together in Science, Services, and Governance



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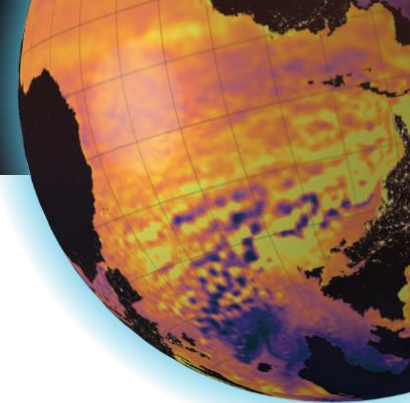
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2030



Artificial Intelligence ?

XiHe: A Data-Driven Model for Global Ocean Eddy-Resolving Forecasting

Xiang Wang, Renzhi Wang, Ningzi Hu, Pingqiang Wang, Peng Huo, Guihua Wang, Huizhan Wang, Senzhang Wang, Junxing Zhu, Jianbo Xu, Jun Yin, Senliang Bao, Ciqiang Luo, Ziqing Zu, Yi Han, Weimin Zhang, Kaijun Ren, Kefeng Deng, Junqiang Song

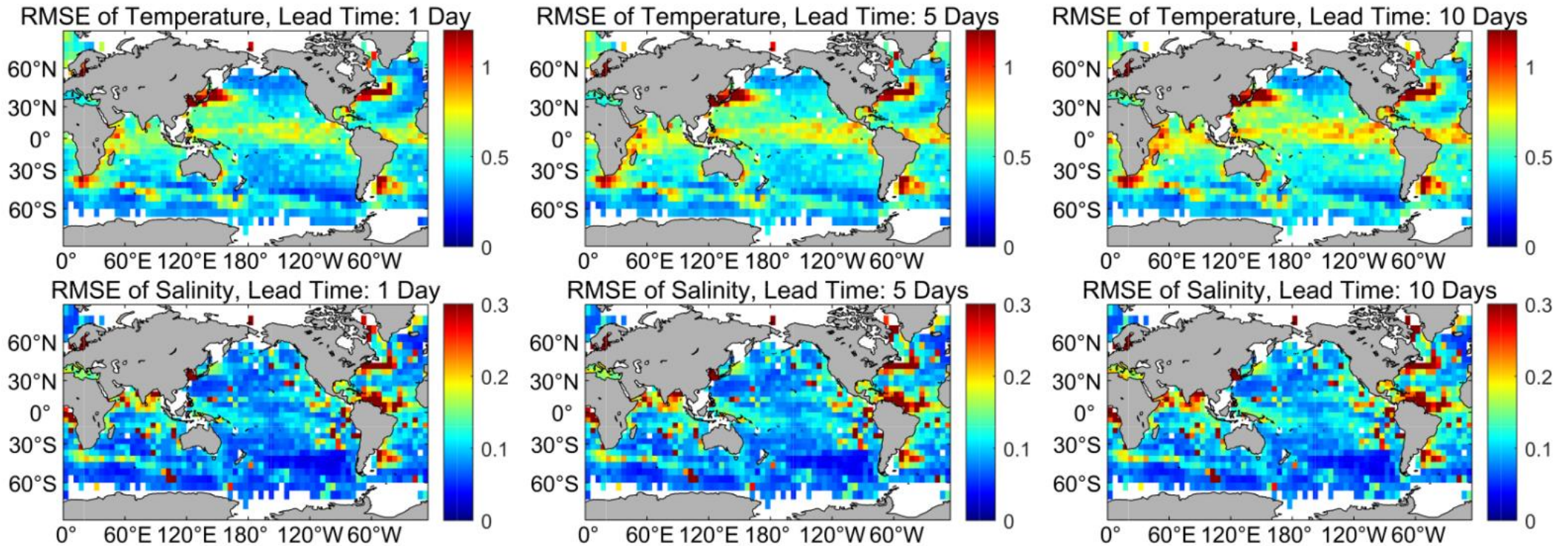
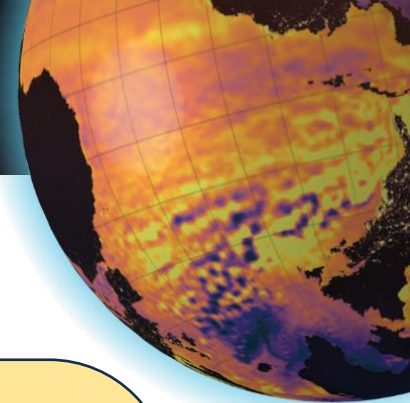


Fig. 5: The average RMSEs over vertical depth of the temperature and salinity between observation data and *XiHe* with lead times of 1-day, 5-day, and 10-day calculated on every $5^\circ \times 5^\circ$ area from Jan. 1st, 2019 to Dec. 31st, 2020. The observation comes from the IV-TT Class 4 framework.



Artificial Intelligence: new developments and data challenges

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Ocean Forecast

10 days forecast

Temperature, currents, Sea Level, Salinity Global ocean forecast
Trained with reanalysis
Intercomparison/data challenges with different groups, data set, methods

NERSC

Data Assimilation

High resolution truth (left) and Neural Network Forecast (left)

Super Resolution
Data base including high resolution (6km) and low resolution (12km) simulations to train Unet super resolution model
EnKF data assimilation for the low-resolution model

IMT Atlantique
Bretagne-Pays de la Loire
École Mines-Télécom

Reconstruction

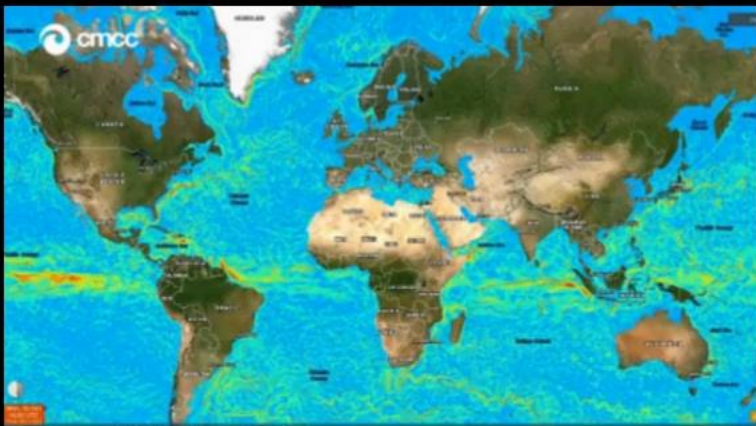
Sea level reconstruction with 4Dvarnet
Trained with observations and simulations
Applied to other variables (turbidity)



The EU DTO powered by a global operational network...



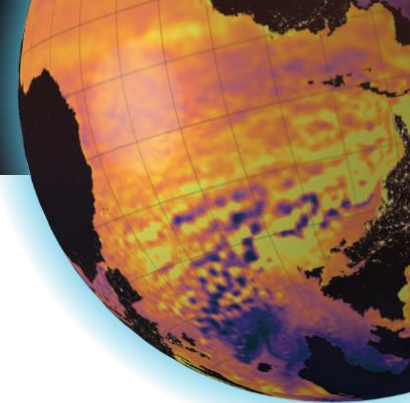
Atlantic example, ©Deltares, The Netherlands



Mediterranean example, ©CMCC, Italy



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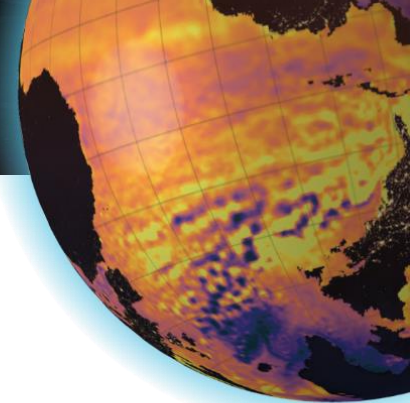
Mercator Ocean is transforming into *an intergovernmental organization for the development and exploitation of digital Ocean systems and information services.*

- The new organization is being founded by European States, is expected to be approved in June 2025 to enter into force in 2027.
- Non-European States will be invited to partner with the new organization, either as Associate Members, Collaborating Partners, or as full Member States.



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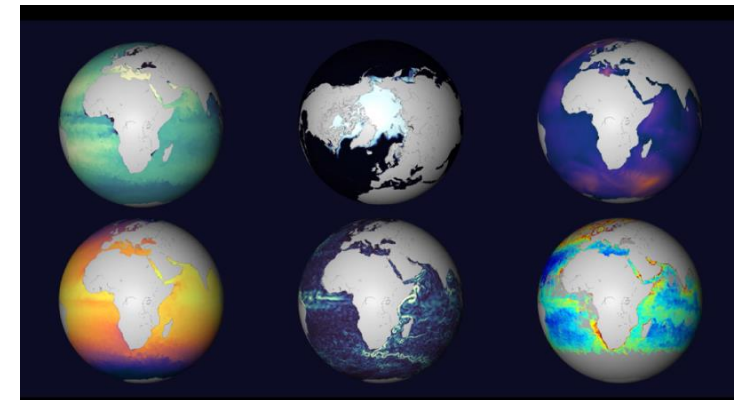
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The purpose of Mercator IGO is

- *to design, develop and operate world-class **digital Ocean systems** encompassing marine physics, biogeochemistry and ecosystems*
- *and to provide authoritative digital Ocean **information services** of general interest*
- *to Member **States** and **international** Ocean governance,*
- *including **operational Ocean forecast services.***



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Conclusion



Yes we are



2019 – 2025

2012 – 2018

2005 – 2011

1998 – 2004



2019, we socialize



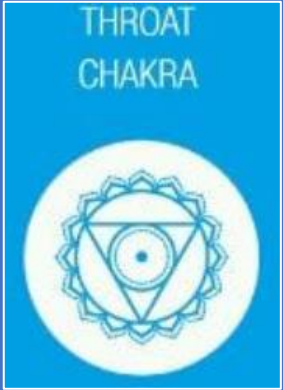
2012, we want



2005, we feel



1998, we are



2025 – 2032

“WE SAY”

we say

**that we are ready to deliver as one ocean prediction community,
with authoritative digital ocean systems and services
supporting effective ocean governance**



Next year, in June 2025,
at the 3rd UN Ocean Conference,

let's raise the **authoritative voice** of our
OceanPrediction community,

and

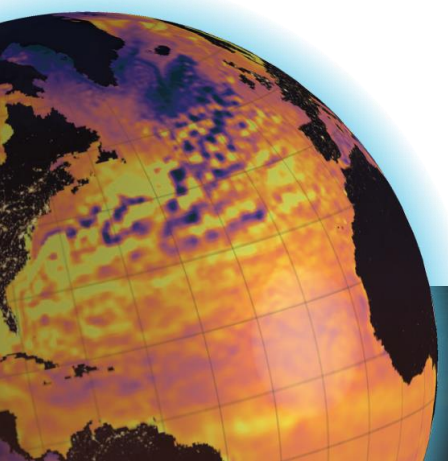
call to action for supporting digital ocean
systems and services for an effective
science-based ocean governance.



UNITED NATIONS
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France, June 2025



DIGITAL OCEAN PAVILLON, in preparation



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SCIENCE FOR SOCIETAL BENEFITS

Thank you!

